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GERMANS BEGIN MENACING MOVE

Attempting To Turn Russian Right Flank In Poland

Advancing From East Prussia—Similar Turning Movement Developed By The Germans In Southern Poland Against The Czar's Left Flank—Russians Forced To Abandon The Invasion Of East Prussia—England Holds German Advance Dangerous

London, Dec. 28.—Checked in front of Warsaw, the Germans are attempting with characteristic energy to turn the Russian right flank north of the Vistula and the left flank along the rivers Pilzta and Nida, in southern Poland. A menacing advance has been begun by a large German force from southern East Prussia. This force appears to be composed of several army corps which formed the army of General Von Francois and of new corps brought from the west. Recovering from reverses in the Mlawka region and reforming beyond their own frontier on the line of Nidenburg and Landsberg, the Germans have forced the Russians to abandon the invasion of southern East Prussia and to fall back toward the Vistula.

This is officially admitted by Russia, and there is no doubt here but that the new German advance is dangerous. If the Germans can unite their force from Mlawka to the force that has been seeking unsuccessfully to cross the rivers Bzura and Bura, a further retreat of the Russians would be imperative, and they would be forced very probably to make their final defense of Warsaw within ten miles of the gates of the city. In the south the Germans, with very little real assistance from the Austrians, are developing a similar turning movement. In that region a German army is attempting to break or turn the Russian force along the Pilzta, while an Austro-German force is trying to accelerate the Russian retreat from Cracow and to pin the Russians between closing forces of the Teutonic allies. So far these movements have not succeeded. The Russians have held the right bank of the Pilzta and the Nida and have balked every effort of the invaders to make a crossing.

The most violent fighting is now along the right bank of the Pilzta, southeast of Tomaszow. In every region save the Mlawka district the Russians have held their own, but the German advance from the northwest is regarded with apprehension by English military critics.

Confidence is felt in the patient strategy of Grand Duke Nicholas and in the ability of the Russians to strengthen their lines with fresh troops, but it is beginning to be recognized that the Germans have temporarily abandoned the attempt to crush France for the purpose of dealing terrible blows to Russia.

REPULSE TWO ATTACKS

Joffre Reports French Troops Are Holding Captured Trenches.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The government's official communique says: "After having directed a very lively artillery and infantry fire throughout the whole of the night against our troops occupying La Boisselle and the neighboring trenches, the enemy made two consecutive attacks without any success. We hold strongly the trenches captured near Pulaeleine. On the Hutz de Meuse we are consolidating the occupation of the ground occupied by us near the Callone trench. St. Die has been violently bombarded."

Except in the Argonne and Alsace, where the French have made some progress, and outside of artillery practice, the battles in the west for the last two days largely consisted of German attacks, to counter those of the allies and to prevent the allies from organizing the ground which they had gained.

PRINCE EITEL FRIEDRICH

Kaiser's Second Son Urged
For Throne of Hungary.



The candidature of Prince Eitel Friedrich, second son of the Kaiser, for the throne of Hungary is being energetically pushed by Germany. It has been put about in Hungary that the name Eitel is merely the modern form of Attila. This naturally, according to German reasoning, marks out the holder of the name as hereditary claimant to the independent throne which it is forecasted, will be one of the results of this war for Hungary.

MAY TAKE OVER ALBANIA

Italy Determined to Suppress Uprising of Moslem Rebels.

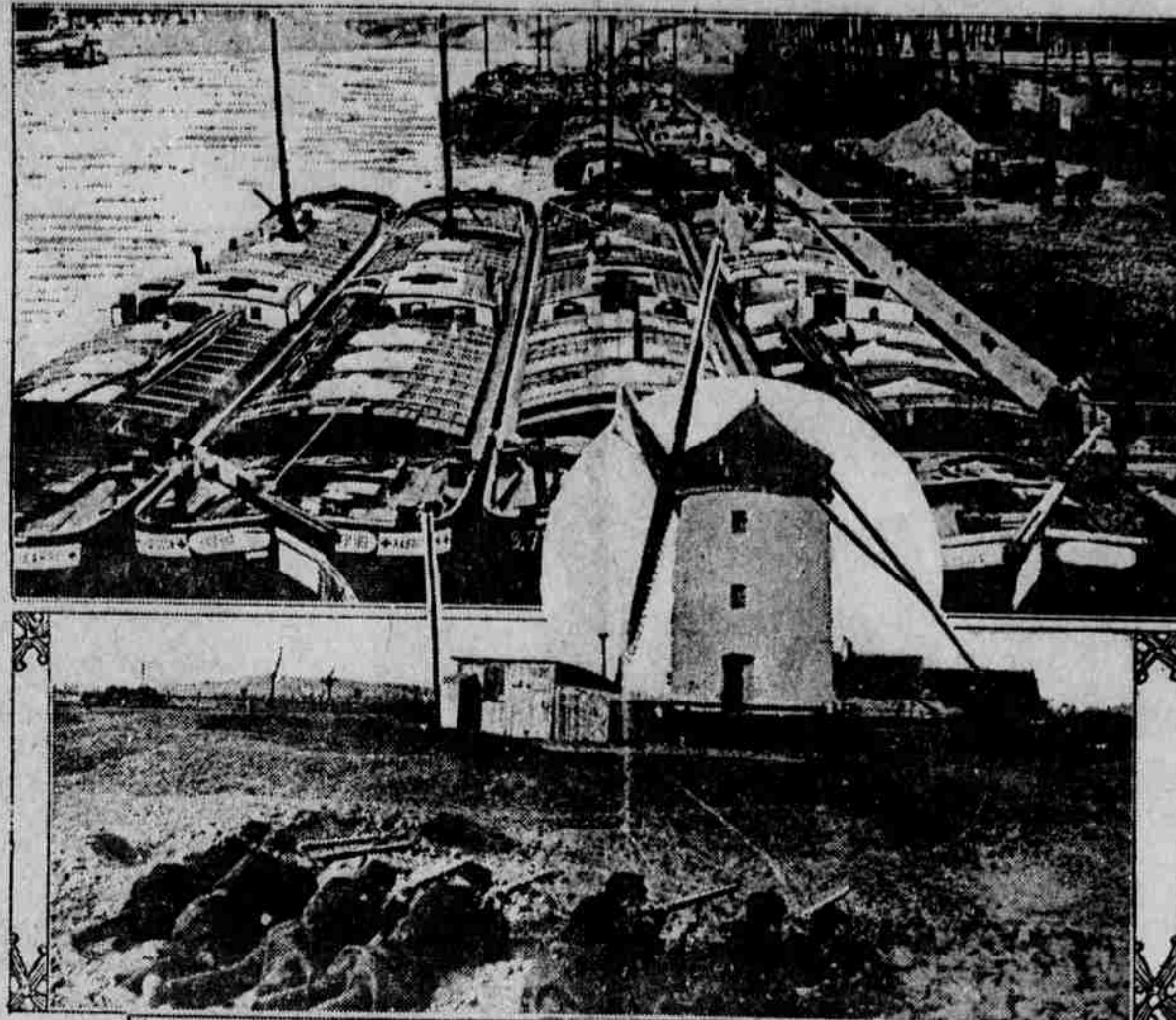
Rome, Dec. 28.—Italy's expressed policy as regards Albania has been mocked by the acts of Albanian rebels, according to a dispatch from Durazzo, and Italy may be forced to take over the whole province, as she has already taken Avlona, in order to foil the intrigues of Austria.

There is a rumor that Prenk Bib Doda, at the head of a victorious army of rebels, is now the head of the provisional government of Albania, and that Essad Pascha, who was proclaimed provisional president by the Albanian senate and who is Italy's staunch friend, has fled to Serbia.

Steamers Hit Mines.

London, Dec. 28.—The Dutch steamer Leersum struck a mine and sank in the North sea. Two of the crew were drowned. The other seventeen were landed at Scarborough. The British steamer Gallier also struck a mine and was severely injured. She crawled into Scarborough.

FRENCH RIVER BARGES USED AS HOSPITALS; FIGHTING IN FLANDERS WINDMILL COUNTRY



1. BARGES IN FRANCE USED AS HOSPITALS. 2. FIGHTING IN THE FLANDERS WINDMILL COUNTRY. PHOTOS © 1914 BY AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

In France they are using every barge used for hospitals. A large thing for hospitals. Indeed, France is Red Cross is painted on the top of the half hospital and half battlefield. The cabin in the middle of each boat to upper picture shows some of the river war hostile air men against down.

ROOSEVELT INVITED TO WRITE UP CHINA

Washington, Dec. 28.—Here's a new job for Colonel Roosevelt. He has been invited to go to China and write her up. This was disclosed by Lin Sun, Chinese editor and speaker of the first assembly of the Chinese republic, who has been in Washington. Dr. Sun left China to preserve his own life. About everybody in temporary authority over there had put a price on his head. He said: "Mr.

Roosevelt has been invited to visit China, tour Tibet and Mongolia and write the story of his travels in China; he would be welcomed in Lhasa by the 'Living god.' "Millions of people in China are on the brink of starvation," Dr. Sun continued, "and others have died of starvation and exposure. China is suffering from too many foreign advisers." They are jealous of one another.

SIXTY AUTOS BURN UP IN FIRE AT LANCASTER

Lancaster, O., Dec. 28.—The Overland garage, owned by L. E. Huddle, was destroyed by fire here. Sixty automobiles were burned, making the total loss about \$80,000. For a time the entire business section of the city was threatened with destruction. Huddle was trying to start an automobile, when the motor backfired and ignited gasoline in the flooded car.

sureter. The flames, it is believed, spread to the gasoline on the floor of the garage and the building was soon ablaze. Ten new machines were saved, but a gasoline explosion prevented further rescue work. Forty of the sixty cars that were burned were stored in the garage by Lancaster business firms and citizens. Adjoining buildings were damaged.

HARVESTING ICE CROP

Port Clinton, O., Dec. 28.—Several hundred thousand tons of ice will be harvested from Lake Erie here during the present week. The fishermen and ice dealers will start to cut ice 10 and 11 inches thick.

ASKS FOR \$50,000

Urbana, O., Dec. 28.—Suit for \$10,000 was filed by John L. Lucas of this city against George W. Hupp, a wealthy farmer living near Mount Tabor. Lucas charges that Hupp alienated the affections of Mrs. Lucas.

DEATH OF MISS DODGE

New York, Dec. 28.—Miss Grace Hoadley Dodge, president of the national board of the Young Women's Christian association of the United States, died at her home here after a brief illness. She was born in New York city and was the daughter of the late William Earl and Sarah Hoadley Dodge. For the last thirty years Miss Dodge has been interested in charitable and educational work.

Big Building Burns.
Akron, O., Dec. 28.—Fire destroyed the five-story Walsh building, in the center of the city. Loss \$200,000.

Catholic Church Burns.
Barnesville, O., Dec. 28.—The Catholic church here was totally destroyed by fire. It was insured for \$4,500.

WHAT YEGGS OVERLOOKED

Dayton, O., Dec. 28.—The postoffice at Yellow Springs, O., was entered by yeggs, who set off five charges of dynamite before succeeding in blowing open the safe. They secured \$7.15 in change and about \$23 in stamps. The robbers overlooked \$2,500 in stamps and \$300 in paper money.

FATAL STABBING

Kenton, O., Dec. 28.—Following a Christmas jollification, August Jema, thirty-five, was stabbed several times and his face terribly hacked by his fellow bunkman, John Jot of Dola. The two are section men and have lived for years in a little house along the railroad track. Jema will probably die.

MISS CLARK ENGAGED

Washington, Dec. 28.—Speaker and Mrs. Champ Clark announced the engagement of their daughter Genevieve to James M. Thompson of New Orleans, a graduate of Johns Hopkins university. The wedding will take place in the spring or early summer at the Clark home in Bowling Green, Mo.

PRESIDENT WILSON FIFTY-EIGHT TODAY.

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Wilson is celebrating his fifty-eighth birthday today. He received congratulatory messages from all parts of the United States and from foreign countries. The president is spending the day quietly with his family.

SEEKS NEW BATCH OF INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury to Resume Investigation of Election Frauds.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OPENS UP

Declares That Republicans of Terre Haute Conducted a Separate Conspiracy of Their Own—Mayor Roberts and Other Officials Among Those Already Indicted—Ninety-one Arrests Made in the Case.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 28.—The Republican election workers who have embarrassed the citizens' movement for a "cleaning up" of political conditions, resulting in the wholesale indictments of Democratic leaders and others here, and who were gloating over the downfall of the Democratic organization, headed by Mayor Donn Roberts, and brought about by federal indictments, were dumfounded by this statement from Frank C. Dalley, United States district attorney:

"The Republicans conducted a separate conspiracy of their own. The grand jury will reconvene on Jan. 4, at which time further opportunity to tell what they know will be offered witnesses acquainted with the facts concerning the last mentioned conspiracy."

Those who are intimately acquainted with the confessions made by thirty or forty of the men who have done the repeating believe that two or three Republican candidates on last month's ticket will be indicted, and perhaps some higher-ups who handled the money in the campaign.

Some of the Republicans who have been pushing to the front in the contests in the local courts for judge and sheriff, now held by Eli Redman and Denny Shea, respectively, are likely to be indicted. It is said at least four Progressives who served on the election boards will be indicted. It is not known how far back the investigation will go, but if it goes back to 1912 it is said there will be pay dirt in the congressional investigation. The purchase of delegates was so commonly reported at that time that men said money was paid for delegates' votes to a red-light boss on the stage of the convention hall.

Mayor Roberts could have given a satisfactory bond, according to United States Marshal Storen, but he did not want to give bond and he explained that he did not want it to be said that the higher-ups were out on bond while the poor devils were in jail. Two weeks ago he said to a newspaper man that he expected to be indicted, and that his acquittal would result in a public demonstration in his behalf, such as was seen here when he was acquitted in the state's court, and that this would cause his nomination and election as the Democratic candidate for governor in 1916.

There were 127 indictments. Ninety-one arrests were made. Twenty-three gave bond in amounts from \$2,500 to \$10,000, the latter for Judge Eli M. Redman and Sheriff Denny Shea. Forty-six of the confessing crooks were released on their own recognizance, through each signed a \$2,500 bond as a matter of form. Twenty-two, including the mayor, were taken to Indianapolis.

Last summer the Terre Haute mayor started his boom for the Democratic nomination for governor in 1916. Then came the election of last November, which was the cause of the arrests beginning Christmas night.

French Aviators Attack Metz.
Paris, Dec. 28.—Taking immediate revenge for the German bombardment of Nancy, where several non-combatants were killed or mutilated by bombs from German war planes, the French airmen made a raid on Metz. For several minutes the French airmen showered powerful bombs on aviation hangars, on a railroad station where troops were in movement and on a barracks at the outskirts of the city. It was not revealed how much damage was done.

Rigs in Scotland.
In Scotland the corn and grass fields are divided into spaces twenty to thirty yards wide by a furrow made by a plow. These are termed rigs.

Tropical Medicines.
In the order named quinine, calomel, castor oil, tincture of iron, opium and brandy are the medicines most used in the tropics.

PLAN IS PROPOSED

By Venezuela With Important Bearing

Conference of Neutrals May Be Held In Washington.

NOTE DELIVERED TO ENVOYS

Would Have Meeting Review or Supplement the Rules of International Law Respecting the Rights of Neutrals in the Present War—Minister Dominici, Acting For His Government, Outlines the Proposition.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Venezuela has formally proposed to all the neutral governments of Europe and Asia, as well as the two Americas, that a conference be held in Washington to revise or supplement the rules of international law respecting the rights of neutrals in the present war.

The plan provides that the governing board of the Pan-American union, consisting of the diplomatic representatives of all the American republics, should draft a program for the conference or congress and that the rules finally agreed upon by all the neutrals should in turn be submitted to the belligerents.

Acting under instructions from his government, Dr. Santos A. Dominici, Venezuelan minister to the United States, has delivered a memorandum to Secretary Bryan and all the diplomatic representatives here of neutral governments in all parts of the globe outlining in detail the need for the international conference and what it could accomplish.

The Venezuelan proposal would seek not only to define the rights of neutrals in such questions as the presence of belligerent warships in close proximity to neutral shores, but would embrace the entire field of contraband, seizures and detentions, with the idea of reaching a uniform understanding to protect neutral commerce.

In view of the partial repudiation of the unratified declaration of London of 1909 by the allied powers, and the announcement of the United States that it could not accept piecemeal adoption of the same declaration, but would be guided by previous rulings in international law, neutral nations have been forced practically to forget their own codes of law. The lack of uniformity has led to much controversy and confusion.

Neutral diplomats to whom the plan has been communicated by the Venezuelan minister have transmitted it to their respective governments. Dr. Dominici, who discussed the matter with each diplomat, said that he had found sentiment generally favorable to the proposal. In his opinion the congress could empower their diplomatic representatives in Washington to act for them.

The deliberations of the neutrals could be similarly submitted in Washington to the ambassadors and ministers representing the belligerents.

CASSIDY'S NEW JOB

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 28.—It became known here that John R. Cassidy, clerk of the Ohio house of representatives, will be appointed probate judge here to succeed John C. Hoyer, who becomes common pleas judge Jan. 1.

NECK BROKEN BY FALL

Columbus, Dec. 28.—Slipping on the icy pavement, John Connors, aged twenty-eight, a shipping clerk, fell, sustained a broken neck and died in an ambulance while being taken to a hospital.